

Amendments to the Claims:

Claims 1-24 (cancelled)

Claim 25 (currently amended) A process for providing a garment adapted for labeling by a purchaser subsequent to the substantially complete manufacture of the garment, comprising:
manufacturing the garment comprising:

a joining seam between two garment components joined together to form a portion of the garment; and

a strip having upper and lower edge portions and being attached along the edge portions to the garment components and covering a portion of the joining seam, a length of the strip being detached along at least one lower edge portion to expose the joining seam and facilitate the attachment of the label; ~~and~~

~~maintaining the garment article in inventory.~~

Claim 26 (original) A process as in claim 25, wherein the point of attachment is provided in a collar seam of the garment.

Claim 27 (original) A process as in claim 26, wherein the collar seam is a joining seam between a collarette and a garment body.

Claim 28 (original) A process as in claim 25, wherein manufacturing the garment article further comprises providing a pre-affixed label containing information concerning the garment.

Claim 29 (currently amended) A process for providing an garment adapted for labeling by a purchaser subsequent to the substantially complete manufacture of the garment, comprising

manufacturing the garment article by providing a point of attachment for a label, wherein subsequent attachment of the label by the purchaser requires no more than two additional steps;
and

~~maintaining the garment article in inventory~~

wherein the two additional steps comprise inserting the label and attaching a garment component adapted to cover the point of attachment.

Claim 30 (canceled)

Claim 31 (currently amended) A process for facilitating expedited filling of internal or external requirements for specialized label garments, comprising:

manufacturing a garment adapted for label insertion and attachment, comprising: [[and]] a strip covering a garment seam in a label attachment area, the strip having a length of at least one edge unattached to allow the insertion of a specialized label; and a specialized label being subsequently secured by attachment of the at least one unattached edge over the inserted specialized label.

~~maintaining the garment in inventory for in-house use on demand for the production of specialized label garments.~~

Claim 32 (canceled)

Claim 33 (original) A process as in claim 31, wherein such garments are supplied to customers as completed products having a private label as directed by the customer.